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FYI

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Good day Bonnie,

For your s/a.

Lisa

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Issue:

-Truck Convoy/Blockade of Southern Alberta Port of Entries (POE)

Background:

- Information from RCMP, CBSA and s.38 of a convoy/blockade at the port of Coutts and possibly the ports of Del Bonita and Carway this Saturday, January 29th.
- Social media posts indicate the main convoy will be traveling to the port of Coutts but some posts say there will be a convoy to the ports of Del Bonita and Carway as well.
- The Port of Coutts is the largest POE in Alberta and the only one that is 24 hours. Hundreds of vehicles would travel through the POE on a regular Saturday.
- The Coutts POE sits on highway 4 on the Canadian side and I-15 on the US side. This is a

major thoroughfare with hundreds of commercial and personal vehicles passing through on any given day.

- Coutts is in the Milk River detachment area, Del Bonita is in the Raymond detachment area, and Carway is in the Cardston detachment area.
- Social media posts indicate the convoy will leave the Flying J Truckstop in Lethbridge at 0500hrs on Saturday, January 29th to travel to the port of Coutts.
- Social media posts indicate the convoy will leave the Shell gas station in Fort Macleod at 0800hrs on Saturday, January 29th to travel to the port of Carway.
- s.38 information stated there have been no threats of violence however the information indicates the trucks will block the roadways.
- CBSA information indicates the convoy's intention is to block traffic at the port however they intend to allow border staff and locals through.
- The event organizers are Nick Friesen and Michelle Landry.

Current Status:

- A meeting was held at the Coutts POE on Wednesday, January 26 with RCMP from SAD, local detachments, and IBET in attendance. CBSA, Commercial Vehicle Enforcement, s.38 s.38 (who have jurisdiction on the US side outside of the port, s.38, were in attendance.
- Each agency will have extra resources on shift on Saturday to assist with the response.
- It is unknown how many trucks will be participating on the Canadian side. One social media post provided by USCBP indicated as many as 1000 trucks coming from the US side.
- A meeting was held on 2022-01-27 between RCMP, CBSA, Alberta Sheriffs, and our US partners to discuss the response to any blockage of the port of entry or highways.
- CCMG members have engaged with the event organizers, there is now indication the blockade of the port of entry will last several days or until covid mandates have been lifted by the government.
- District Management has been in contact with the Federal DOJ who will consult on this event.
- There will be a contingent of 10 STO members, 6 GD members, 6 sheriff highway patrol members, 11 IBET and Fed Policing members on the ground on Saturday.
- A planning telecon is occurring with all partner agencies at 1300hrs on 2022-01-28

Strategic Consideration:

- Unified command structure will be in place with the District officer acting as gold commander, the Assistant District officer and Ops Officer acting as co-silver commanders, and 3 co-bronze commanders on the ground at the border.
- The IBET office at the Coutts POE will be used as a command post and will house all agencies.
- If trucks driving towards the Coutts POE and continue past the "point of no return", they will not be admitted into the US which will make it extremely difficult to turn around, which will cause a stoppage of all traffic through the POE.
- If multiple trucks stop and block the highway, it will be extremely difficult for members to

remove them from the roadway if the drivers are not willing.

- Any obstruction of the highway could put all traffic to a stand-still in both directions.
- s.38 [REDACTED] has indicated the s.38 [REDACTED] will stop any unlawful incursion into the US from Canada.
- Personal Info: [REDACTED] has been notified of this event and will be on standby if required.

Strategic Communications:

- A dedicated MRO will be on the ground at the border on Saturday to handle any media inquiries.
- If roadways and the POE are blocked, it will attract significant media attention.

Member/ employee wellness:

- NPF has advised they will have a director on the ground on Saturday.